

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (New) A control system for a motor vehicle, comprising:

- a manual actuating device with a plurality of degrees of freedom of adjustment for one of selecting and activating entries in a menu structure with a plurality of menu levels and
- a screen display having a plurality of display areas for displaying the menu structure, the display areas each comprising
 - at least one field for displaying one of the entries, and ,in an active display area in at least one menu level, at least one of a first and a second of the plurality of degrees of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating device for at least one of selecting and activating one of the entries corresponding to an orientation of the entries displayed in an active display area, and
 - at least one of a third and a fourth degree of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating device for exiting the active display area which is respectively orthogonal to the orientation of the displayed entries.

31. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 30, further including at least one of a fifth and sixth degree of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating means for redundantly selecting the at least one entry displayed in the active display area.

32. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 30, wherein the fields with the entries are arranged at least one of with a vertical orientation in a y direction and with a horizontal orientation in an x direction in the individual display areas.

33. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 32, wherein, when the entries are oriented vertically in the active display area,

- the first degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the positive y direction,
- the second degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the negative y direction,
- the third degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the positive x direction,
- the fourth degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the negative x direction,
- the fifth degree of freedom of adjustment results from rotating the manual actuating device in the clockwise direction about a z axis which is perpendicular to the xy plane, and
- the sixth degree of freedom of adjustment results from rotating the manual actuating device in the counter clockwise direction about the z axis.

34. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 32, wherein, when the entries are arranged horizontally in the active display area,

- the first degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the positive x direction,
- the second degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the negative x direction,
- the third degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the positive y direction,

- the fourth degree of freedom of adjustment results from pushing the manual actuating device in the negative y direction,
- the fifth degree of freedom of adjustment results from rotating the manual actuating device in the clockwise direction about a z axis which is perpendicular to the xy plane, and
- the sixth degree of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating device results from rotating the manual actuating device in the counter clockwise direction about the z axis.

35. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 30, wherein, the activation of that selected entry of the active display area which is assigned to an application or a function or a subfunction or an option is carried out by means of a seventh degree of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating device.

36. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 30, wherein, the activation of that entry in one of the display areas which is assigned to a status display is carried out as a function of a current system state which is determined by a control and evaluation unit and is determined by evaluating signals of vehicle systems.

37. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 32, wherein, when there are a plurality of entries in a display area, the width of the individual fields when the entries are arranged horizontally is dependent on the length of the respective entry, and when the entries are arranged vertically said width is dependent on the length of the longest entry.

38. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 32, wherein, the field width when the entries are arranged horizontally is dependent on the number of entries to be displayed in this display area.

39. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 30, wherein, the screen display has at least a first display area with a constant graphic basis structure over all the menu levels of the menu structure.

40. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 30, wherein, the screen display has at least a second display area with a graphic basis structure which is variable as a function of an active menu level of the menu structure.

41. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 39, wherein, in order to display a first menu level of the menu structure on the screen display, a plurality of separate, vertically arranged display areas, at least one of which can be activated, are provided.

42. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 39, wherein, when an entry of an active display area is activated in the individual menu levels of the menu structure, a submenu which is dependent on the activated entry is opened in at least one further level of the menu structure, and by activating at least one of the display areas it can be displayed in said area.

43. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 42, wherein, an opened submenu can be displayed in the active display area and in at least one other of the display areas by means of an overlap of the graphic basic structure.

44. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 42, wherein, a plurality of the submenus are displayed simultaneously on the screen display in the at least one further submenu of the menu structure.

45. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 44, wherein, the plurality of submenus can be displayed with entries orientated vertically one next to the other.

46. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 43, wherein, a first of the plurality of submenus is opened and displayed in the first menu level of the menu structure as a function of an activation of an entry, and a second of the plurality of submenus is opened and displayed as a function of an activation of an entry in the associated first submenu.

47. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 46, wherein, all the opened submenus are closed simultaneously by means of a pushing movement of the manual actuating device orthogonally with respect to the orientation of the entries of the active submenu away from the adjacent submenu, and in that only the active submenu is closed by means of a pushing movement of the manual actuating device orthogonally with respect to the orientation of the entries of the active submenu in the direction of the adjacent submenu, and the adjacent submenu is activated for a new selection of an entry.

48. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 41, wherein, at least one of the number and the graphic display and contents of the entries to be displayed in the display areas are one of variable and constant as a function of one of current system states and of a current menu level and of a currently activated application.

49. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 48, wherein, a presettable application can be displayed in at least one of the first display areas, the number and the position of the entries to be displayed being constant as a function of the preset application, and the contents

and the graphic display of the entries to be displayed being one of variable and constant as a function of current system states.

50. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 48, wherein, at least one of the first display areas is configured as a status bar with at least one horizontally arranged field for displaying at least one status, the number, the position, the contents and the graphic display of the entries to be displayed being variable as a function of current system states and application states.

51. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 48, wherein, at least one of the first display areas is configured as an application line for displaying an application group with various selectable and predefinable applications, the number and position of the entries to be displayed being constant, and the graphic display of the entries to be displayed being variable as a function of an activated application.

52. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 48, wherein, at least one of the second display areas is configured as an application area for displaying details and controlling a selected and activated application, the number and the position and the graphic display of the entries to be displayed being dependent on the activated application.

53. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 48, wherein, at least one of the first display areas is configured as a subfunction line for displaying and selecting at least one of functions and subfunctions and options of an activated application, the number and the position and the graphic display of the entries to be displayed being dependent on the activated application.

54. (New) The control system as claimed in one of claim 30, wherein, a cursor can be moved over the screen display by the manual actuating device in order to select at least one entry displayed on the screen display.

55. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 54, wherein, a graphic display of the cursor is variable as a function of at least one of the active display area and of an active application and an active menu level.

56. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 54, wherein, the cursor can be displayed graphically as an independent object on the screen display or by changing the graphic display of a currently selected field.

57. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 56, wherein, a field which is selected with a cursor changes at least one of its colored display and its shape and its size.

58. (New) The control system as claimed in claim 56, wherein, at least one of a colored display and a shape and a size of the cursor can be changed as an independently graphically displayed object on the screen.